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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE:
AMEMBASSY DOHA, JIDDA, LONDON, MUSCAT, TEHRAN

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SUBJ: OMANI MILITARY REQUESTS

REF: STATE 12516; MUSCAT 40

1. WHILE WE DEFER TO AMBASSADOR WOLLE'S ASSESSMENT OF OMANI WILLINGNESS TO APPROACH UAE TO FUND ARMS PURCHASES FROM US, WE DOUBT UAE WOULD AT MOMENT BE VERY RECEPTIVE TO ANY OMANI APPROACH PENDING SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTE. MOREOVER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPECT UAE TO FUND EQUIPMENT FOR LOWER GULF NEIGHBOR WHICH WE ARE DENYING TO UAE, E.G. TOWS.

2. A FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT UAE BECOMING INCREASINGLY TESTY REGARDING FINANCING OF ARMS PURCHASES FOR OTHER MIDEAST COUNTRIES. THIS WAS MOST RECENTLY REVEALED IN SUWAIDI'S REACTION TO OUR REQUEST FOR UAE TO PICK UP REMAINING COSTS (DOLS 2.8 MILLION) OF JORDANIAN ARMS PURCHASE PREVIOUSLY FINANCED BY UAE (ABU DHABI 0144, NOTAL).

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3. AT PRESENT TIME, ONLY REASON WE CAN SEE THAT MIGHT MAKE UAE RECEPTIVE TO AN OMANI APPROACH WOULD BE AS A CARROT EXTENDED TO OMAN IF IT RELINQUISHES ITS TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON RAS AL KHAIMAH AND SHARJA (IN DIBBA AREA). HOWEVER, UAE MIGHT POSE AS A CONDITION THAT USG AGREE TO MAKE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO UAE ARMED FORCES.
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